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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Inventors: FIKES *et al.*
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 and Submission Of Substitute Sequence Listing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(a);
2. Paper copy of Substitute Sequence Listing (500 pages);
3. A computer readable copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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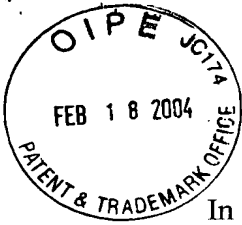
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 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
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